



PARADE GENERAL INFORMATION AND RULES

To: All Parade Participants

Parade Date: Sunday, September 25, 2016 at 2 pm

Please take the time to familiarize yourself with these important rules. If you are a Scout Leader or a Team Coach, we highly recommend you print these to hand out to the parents of parade participants. **The Stratham 300th Parade Committee will hold a meeting for parade participants on Thursday, September 15 at 6:30 pm in Meeting Room A at the Stratham Municipal Center.** We encourage attendance from each group participating. The meeting is most helpful for drivers but any and all questions will be addressed.

INFORMATION:

- Announcements about parade cancellation will be made on the Town's website www.strathamnh.gov no later than 1:00pm on parade day and on our Facebook page.
- An alternate parade date may be established.
- Parade line-up is at the Stratham Hill Park via Jackrabbit Lane. Vehicles only (no floats) will line-up on Crestview Terrace off Portsmouth Ave.
- There is **limited parking at Stratham Hill Park** and the traffic entering the staging area is extremely heavy. *We highly encouraged families, neighbors, co-workers, scout-mates to carpool to the Park to limit the number of vehicles traveling through the parking lot.*
- The viewing of the parade ends at Stratham Circle at Olde Towne Hall Antiques.
- Fire apparatus will exit the parade route at the Stratham Fire Station rear driveway.
- All floats, marching units and walking participants will enter the Wingate driveway where they will be directed by parade staff to predetermined areas. Participants who do not have their own bus transportation will be transported by bus to Stratham Hill Park for pick-up.
- Participants with livestock will proceed to either the Olde Towne Hall Antiques driveway or Cadieux's Flooring driveway as space is available and load onto their trailers.
- Vehicles not towing floats will be directed to continue south on Portsmouth Ave. or north on College Rd.
- Food concessions will be provided by the Stratham Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary at Stratham Hill Park and at the Stratham Fire Station.
- Restrooms will be available at Stratham Hill Park and at the Stratham Fire Station.

RULES:

- The Parade Committee in conjunction with the Stratham Police Department reserves the right to cancel the parade for any reason – including inclement weather.
- Please read and comply with [RSA 265:108-a Parade Vehicles](#) before you plan your parade entry (see www.strathamnh.gov)
- Judging of floats begins promptly at 12 noon. Winners will be notified before the start of the parade. Participants planning on assembling their float at Stratham Hill Park should allow sufficient time to prepare for judging.

- No float and/or vehicle is to be left unattended at Stratham Hill Park unless an exception has been made by the Parade Committee.
- The Parade Committee reserves the right to disallow inappropriate entries in keeping with this family friendly event.
- Unregistered entries will not be allowed to participate in the parade.
- All owners of mobile units such as floats, vehicles, motorcycles, and tractors shall provide proof of their liability insurance by submitting a Certificate of Insurance or a copy of the Declaration page from your auto insurance policy.
- No alcoholic beverages will be allowed during the event.
- There will be no throwing of candy or other materials along the parade route. **Candy can be handed out to the crowd.** *This is a recommendation from the Stratham Police Department for the safety of all along the parade route.*
- Participants shall not get on or off floats while the float/parade is underway.
- Distribution of brochures or literature is not allowed along the parade route.
- Equestrian and livestock units must have a clean-up person in keeping with the entry.
- Applicants assume all responsibility for any loss or damage in connection with their float entry at the Stratham 300th Parade, and agree to hold the Town, its Parade Committee, agents, officials, employees, and volunteers harmless against any causes of action or loss connected with their participation in the parade.
- All parade units shall maintain an adequate space (50 foot minimum) from the unit in front of them.
- Portable generators will be securely mounted and a fire extinguisher shall be available.
- All floats/trucks must have wheel guards on rear wheels.
- Floats shall not be more than 35 feet long and no more than 12 feet high.
- Loud sudden noises emanating from a parade entry shall not be allowed except for police and fire vehicles.
- All participants are solely responsible for obtaining the appropriate license to use any copyrighted materials during the parade.
- Persons under 18 years of age riding bicycles in the parade are required to wear a helmet.